

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 866 without my signature.

I strongly support clean and fair campaigns. The Code of Fair Campaign Practices is unenforceable other than through the exercise of the vote at the ballot box. Candidates and campaigns are free to make their case to the voters about whether their campaign follows or their opponent ignores “basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play.” I trust the people to be the best judge of conduct of a campaign when they exercise their franchise to vote. I am confident that they will reject candidates that use appeals to negative prejudices against any group of people.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger